

Intro.

- A. Would you describe your expectations of the future as characterized by (a) certainty *or* (b) doubt in area of...
1. economics 2. politics 3. modern society 4. health 5. spiritual well-being
- B. I certainly don't claim to know everything, but I know who does, & where to find needed information!
1. Doubt & indecision frustrate us (e.g., *driver in front of us*)
 2. We respect a person who knows what they want, & where they are going, & how to get there!
 3. Paul was such a man. He did not know everything (**1 Cor. 13:9, 1**), but he helped to reveal *The Whole Truth*, & we can learn 4 essential lessons with confidence that can help dispel doubts re: the future.

Discuss.**I. Paul Was Sure That CHRIST IS A PERFECT SAVIOR.**

- A. **2 Cor. 5:21**, Paul was keenly aware that Christ was sinless, He *knew no sin*.
1. **Heb. 4:15**, Savior was certainly tempted, but He *NEVER* sinned.
 2. **Mt. 27:24**, Pilate understood after close scrutiny that Jesus was *a just person*.
 3. Peter added convincing testimony that Jesus *went about doing good... God was with Him*.
- B. Servants of the perfect Savior *shall receive the reward of the inheritance—of the Lord*, **Col. 3:24**
1. **1 Cor. 15:58**
 2. **2 Tim. 1:12** (c. **Heb. 7:25**, *Lord is able to save those who come to God through Him, since He ever lives to make intercession for them.*)
- C.

II. Paul Was Certain That ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD (for God's people).

- A.
- B.
- C.

III. Paul Was Convinced That IT WOULD BE TERRIBLE TO MEET GOD – UNPREPARED!

- A.
- B.
- C.

IV. Paul Was Confident That FAITHFUL CHRISTIANS WILL LIVE ETERNALLY.

- A.
- B.